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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket 13-85

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing to urge the Commission to expedite the availability of spectrum to the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA). This spectrum is critical for SCRRA's congressionally mandated implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC).

Public safety must be a primary concern in the operation of our train systems, and robust, reliable, advanced telecommunications is a critical tool for insuring safe operations. Congress recognized this when it enacted the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (RSIA), which mandates development and implementation of PTC on Class I and passenger railroads by December 31, 2015.

I understand that in March of 2010, SCRRA filed an application at the FCC seeking approval to acquire spectrum from Maritime Communications/Land Mobile, LLC ("MCLM"), but that application still has not been acted on by the Commission. In light of the interest in maximizing rail safety in Southern California, as well as the need to allow SCRRA and other carriers to comply with congressional mandates, I believe that the public would best be served by making spectrum available to SCRRA for implementation of Positive Train Control.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I urge the Commission to use whatever approach would most quickly and efficiently result in the assignment to SCRRA of the spectrum it seeks.

Sincerely,



Corrine Brown  
Member of Congress